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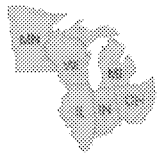
I wanted to draw your attention to the new daily clips package that you should have received this morning ... instead of a list of links to the various websites, the daily briefing includes short summaries of the coverage. Taylor Gillespie from my office helped lead the national effort to update the contract for clips and other media services. Please let Taylor and me know if you have any feedback or suggestions for improving this service going forward. Also let us know if you didn't receive these clips, or if there's someone in your office you'd like added to the distributions.

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Alliance For Great Lakes Prioritizes Funding For Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Ohio Capital Journal (11/3) reports that the Alliance for the Great Lakes made a list of five priorities they wanted to focus on during the Biden Administration, including funding the "Great Lakes Restoration Initiative & Restore & Strengthen Clean Water Protections."

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Illinois

Administrator Shore Meets With Sen. Duckworth.

RiverBender (IL) (11/2) reports Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) met with EPA Region 5 Administrator Debra Shore on Friday "to discuss her environmental priorities throughout the state as well as the Senator's efforts to ensure environmental justice priorities are included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure

Deal and Build Back Better budget.” Duckworth said, “I look forward to working together with Administrator Shore to move our country forward in the push against climate change and environmental injustice.”

Environmental Groups Suing Southern Illinois Mine Operator After Toxic Foam Dumped Into Burning Coal Mine.

WPSD-TV Paducah, KY (11/1, Fuller) reports on its website, “Two environmental groups say they plan to sue a southern Illinois mine operator, claiming that the mine violated multiple federal laws when it dumped toxic fire extinguisher foam into the mine in an attempt to put out a fire that has been burning underground for the past two months.” Sierra Club Illinois and the Champaign-based Prairie Rivers Network “announced Monday that they’ve filed an intent to sue Sugar Camp Energy LLC and American Consolidated Natural Resources after 46,000 gallons of fire extinguishing foam was dumped into the underground Sugar Camp coal mine.” The nonprofit groups “say the foam included at least 660 gallons of concentrated PFAS-based foam.” WSIL-TV Harrisburg, IL (11/1, Dillow) and the Southern Illinoisan (11/1, Cox) also report.

Forsyth Still Boiling Drinking Water.

WAND-TV Champaign, IL (11/2) reports the Village of Forsyth is still under orders to boil drinking water, although water system pumps have been repaired. The village “will still need 48 hours of testing before the boil order can be lifted by the Environmental Protection Agency.”

Abandoned Boat Sinks By Lawrence Ave Bridge In Chicago.

Block Club Chicago (11/2, Liederman, Ward) reports, “an apparently abandoned power boat tied up on the river bank near the Lawrence Avenue bridge sank after heavy rain.” EPA On-scene Coordinator Paul Ruesch said, “Whenever you get one of these, it’s always ‘All right, here we go, finding out who owns it.’ It’s always a challenge. It never seems to be the guy or the gal that’s on paper. There’s always a story. There’s always something weird with boats.”

Growth Energy Intends To Sue EPA Over Late Biofuel Requirements.

Illinois News Now (11/2) reports Growth Energy “has submitted a notice of intent to sue” the EPA “for its failure to release biofuel blending requirements.” The deadline was Nov. 1. CEO Emily Skor said, “What we need is for this agency is to act and to get these proposals out so that we have some certainty and stability in the market place.” WCMY-AM Ottawa, IL (11/2, Heavican) also reports.

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Michigan

EPA Orders Benton Harbor To Take Action On Drinking Water.

The **Detroit Free Press** (11/2, Matheny) reports the EPA on Tuesday ordered Benton Harbor, MI to “take immediate actions to improve the safety and reliability of its lead-tainted drinking water.” EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement, “The people of Benton Harbor have suffered for too long. EPA is fully engaged and working to support the community, and today, we are taking a critical next step to ensure that drinking water is safe and reliable.” State and local officials “continue to provide Benton Harbor residents with bottled water, and have embarked on a \$30 million project intended to replace the city’s thousands of lead service lines within 18 months.” In September, 30 environmental and community organizations “appealed to the EPA to intervene in Benton Harbor as the lead problems languished.”

The **Detroit News** (11/2, LeBlanc, Fleming), **Michigan Advance** (11/3, Gustafson), **WUOM-FM** Ann Arbor, MI (11/2, Dwyer), **WOOD-TV** Grand Rapids, MI (11/2, Horak), **WKZO-AM** Kalamazoo, MI (11/2, Kriss), **WSJM-AM** Saint Joseph, MI (11/2), **Michigan Advance** (11/2, Gustafson), **Bridge Magazine (MI)** (11/2, House), **St. Joseph (MI) Herald Palladium** (11/2, Wrege) **WXMI-TV** Grand Rapids, MI (11/2, Cseke), **WWJ-TV** Detroit (11/2), **WOOD-TV** (11/2), **WEYI-TV** (11/2), **WILX-TV** (11/3), and **WBND-TV** South Bend, IN (11/3) also report.

State Of Michigan To Avoid Buying Products Containing PFAS.

Michigan Radio (11/2, Graham) reports on its website, “The State of Michigan is going to stop buying most non-essential products containing PFAS.” Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) “is ordering state agencies to avoid buying products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) if possible.” According to the article, “Maine and Vermont have passed laws banning the sale of some products containing PFAS in their states.” The article adds, “Michigan lawmakers are unlikely to approve that approach.”

The **Oscoda (MI) Press** (11/2, Haglund) reports, “On the same day she made stops throughout the Sunrise Side, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer also signed an Executive Directive (ED) relating to an issue which has hit one Iosco County community – Oscoda Township – particularly hard.” She signed ED 2021-08, which “serves to minimize the purchase of products containing PFAS by state government, and this action is being lauded by several groups and individuals who say that the move will help safeguard public health.”

Ethanol Group To Sue EPA Over RFS Delays.

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Ohio

EPA Approval Allows Shredded Tire Storage For Defiance Road Project.

The **Defiance (OH) Crescent-News** (11/2) reports that a road project planned south of Defiance, Ohio, is able to move forward now that the EPA has given final approval for the storage of shredded tires, which will be used as building material for 1,500 feet of Power Dam Road.

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